

House Resolution 2298

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Harbin of the 118th, and Burkhalter of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives and memories of Mr. Francis Colclough Smith and Mrs. Marjorie Robie
2 Smith; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, born on August 23, 1916, Mr. Francis Colclough Smith was the beloved son of
4 Lila Colclough and Dr. Robert Hughes Smith and served as a guardian of this nation's
5 freedom and liberty with the United States Army as a first lieutenant in E Company of the
6 143rd Infantry, 5th Army under General Mark Clark; and

7 WHEREAS, a World War II veteran, Mr. Smith fought in the Battle of Anzio during
8 America's march to Rome and was awarded the Legion of Merit for inventing a device that
9 could be added to a standard mine detector which enabled operators to detect trip wires; and

10 WHEREAS, his groundbreaking and ingenious invention saved countless lives and greatly
11 reduced the danger posed to soldiers tasked with removing mines from fields where trip
12 wires had been set; and

13 WHEREAS, this Georgia peach farmer and entrepreneur was united in love and marriage to
14 Mrs. Marjorie Robie Smith and the couple were blessed with two remarkable children, Mary
15 Smith Mills and Bob Smith, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Marjorie "Margie" Robie Smith was born May 7, 1924, the beloved
17 daughter of Mary Louise and Adalai Robie, and dedicated 27 years to molding young minds
18 and challenging students at Oconee County High School in Watkinsville, Georgia, where she
19 taught Georgia history and civics; and

20 WHEREAS, during her nearly three decades in the field of education, Mrs. Smith inspired
21 her students to achieve their utmost potential, serving as a sponsor for the school's
22 cheerleading squad and 4-H program; and

23 WHEREAS, a teacher's teacher, Mrs. Smith mentored new teachers and was known to help
24 her students in every way, attending each game played by the school's basketball teams and
25 serving as a chaperone on bus rides for the away games; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was a faithful and active member of Asford Memorial Methodist
27 Church in Watkinsville and was known for her famous lemon meringue pies, pecan pies, and
28 her amazing cooking abilities; and

29 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding Mr. and Mrs. Smith demonstrated
30 provided the foundation and framework of success in which their family developed and
31 flourished; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Smith made the world a better place in which to live, with many
33 incredible contributions to their family, community, and state, and it is abundantly fitting and
34 proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of this distinguished Georgia couple be
35 appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body honor the lives and legacies of Mr. Francis Colclough Smith and
38 Mrs. Marjorie Robie Smith.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. and Mrs.
41 Smith.